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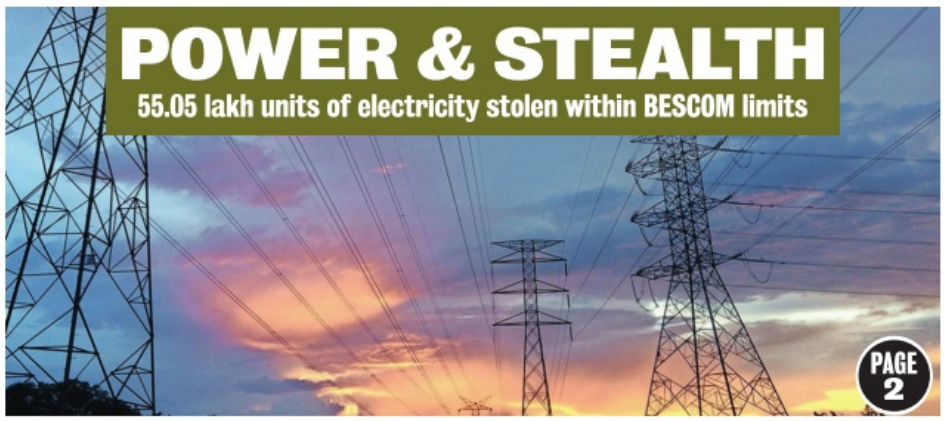

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55.05 lakh units of electricity stolen within BESCOM limits

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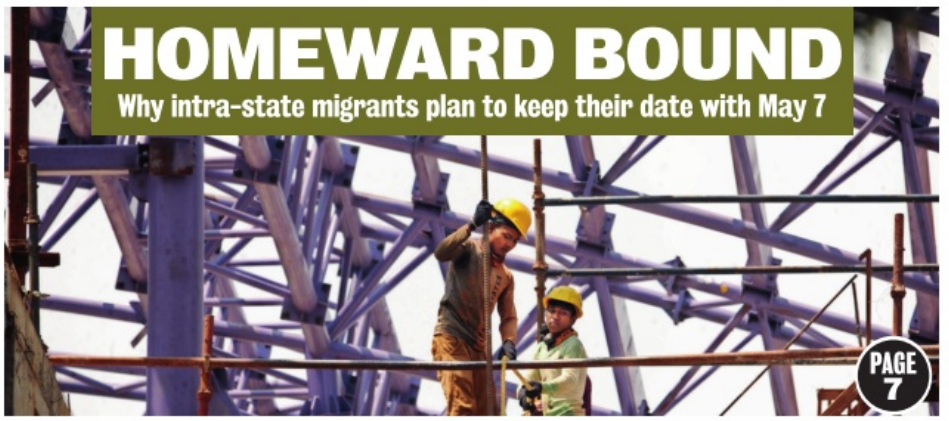

HOMEWARD BOUND

Why intra-state migrants plan to keep their date with May 7

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Each month, number of lakes categorised under worst-quality rank Class E has been going up: In Jan it was 39; Feb 43 and March it became 52

DIRTY WATER

State pollution control board says it should be fine when it rains, but experts sense more serious problem

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With each passing month, the quality of water in more and more Bengaluru's lakes is deteriorating, says an analysis of lakes' water quality conducted by none other than Karnataka State Pollution Control Board's (KSPCB).

The monthly analysis of over 100 water bodies between January and March 2024 shows that the number of lakes with the worst water quality (Class E) possible, is going up every month.

KSPCB looked at 117 lakes in January and found 39 water bodies with extreme levels of water pollution and categorised them under Class E. In February, the Board tested 113 lakes and 43 were grouped under Class E. In March, while water quality of only 109 lakes was monitored, 52 of them had the worst water quality possible; only be used for industrial cooling and controlled waste disposal.

According to KSPCB officials, the increase in the number of water bodies under class E is due to summer and lack of rainfall.

"Many lakes across the city have dried up due to high temperature and lack of rainfall. As soon as there is some rain, water quality of these lakes will improve," said a senior KSPCB official.

"The number of cases filed, industries shut and penalty imposed by KSPCB on lake polluters, including industries and government agencies should be available in public domain. Moreover, as the custodian of Bengaluru's lakes, BBMP should also take cognizance of the poor water quality

—Raghavendra B Pachhapur, lake activist

However, experts say the deteriorating condition of lakes should be attributed to lack of action by the state pollution control board. They opine the Board should probe the outlets of industries in the area instead of measuring water quality of the lakes.

While the Board is empowered to book any government department (including BBMP and BWSSB) under Section 17 of the Environment Protection Act, it has not even lifted a finger.

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Teachers' payday hasn't come

Lecturers not paid for last 2 months due to low enrollment

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Many lecturers teaching in aided colleges have not got salaries for the last two months and sources said that their salaries have been withheld due to low enrollment.

Lokesh Talikatte, President of Registered Unaided Private Schools' Management Association (RUPSA) said, "Notices have been sent to numerous colleges across the state, rejecting the renewal of grants for aided PU colleges that have less than 40 students per class. This move, supposedly based on class size, is unscientific for its impact on lecturers who have not received salaries for the past two months."

Talikatte said the Education Department's approach of targeting colleges without addressing the underlying issues contributing to low student enrollment is unacceptable. According to him, since 2015, the government has not authorised the filling of vacant lecturer positions, leading existing teachers to hire part-time lecturers from their own salaries to maintain education standards. "It is unfair to subject these educators to harassment and unscientific regulations without remuneration. This treatment violates their fundamental rights," he stressed.

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3 THINGS TO DO

01 Magic realism

Watch "Chappal ki dukaan aage hai," a play prepared in a satellite theatre format by Kamal Pruthi, popularly known as Kabuliwala. This play reminds us that living life is not as difficult as we have made it. With its simplicity, it draws people entangled in today's hustle-bustle life back to childhood with great ease. No matter how hard you try, this play will remind you of the interesting stories and characters of your childhood. **Where: TheatreNama Studios, Koramangala; When: May 5, 7 pm**

02 Political satire

Everyone has Rama and Ravana inside them. Whoever can subdue the Ravana in them will win the battle of life. Directed by Dr BV Rajaram, "Horage Baaro Ravana" is a lighthearted comedy play that satirises the state of politics today, the mentality of politicians and their silliness, and the inevitable deeds of Ravana within everyone. This is an ironic Satya Darshana that leaves no one behind. **Where: Ranga Shankara, JP Nagar; When: May 5, 7:30 pm**

03 Funky tunes

This weekend, make some noise and have fun! Prepare for an electrifying experience at Area 313 featuring Detroit in Effect, DJ Dwell, and more, taking over Social with breakbeat, electro, bass, and mind-blowing visuals by Gamma BBQ. **Where: Indiranagar Social, New Tippasandra When: May 5, 7 pm**

'55 lakh units of power stolen in FY24 within BESCOM limits'

₹91 crore collected in fines, 2 crore power units stolen over past three years

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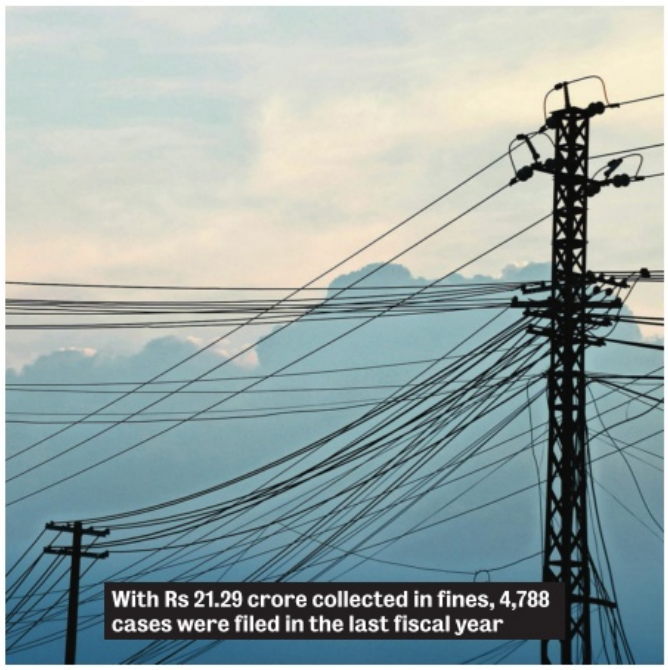
Despite tough measures, electricity theft continues within the BESCOM limits. Officials say that a section of business establishments and industries engage in this illegal activity. In the last fiscal year, there were 55.05 lakh units of power stolen within BESCOM's jurisdiction, leading to officials filing 4,788 cases and collecting fines totalling Rs 21.29 crore. Over the past three years, a substantial 2.72 crore units of power have been stolen, resulting in 14,356 cases and penalties amounting to Rs 91.25 crore.

An official said, "During the specific years outlined, the theft and penalty numbers show a concerning trend. In 2021–22, 1305.55 units were stolen, leading to 4,730 cases being filed, and fines amounting to Rs 41.66 crore were collected. 2022–23 saw a decrease in stolen units at 86.72, but the number of cases remained high at 4,878, with fines of Rs 28.29 crore. In 2023–24, the theft rose slightly. These figures highlight a persistent issue of electricity theft plaguing Bengaluru, particularly among business establishments and industries."

Despite stringent measures, power theft continues to be a significant concern. Officials have noted that some businesses engage in illegal activities such as tapping power sources during nighttime hours, assuming they won't be detected. This includes drawing power directly from BESCOM poles, which contributes to the overall problem. Additionally, certain establishments exploit residential power connections for industrial purposes, taking advantage of the lower cost compared to industrial connections. There have also been instances of bypassing electricity metres to avoid recording usage accurately.



With Rs 21.29 crore collected in fines, 4,788 cases were filed in the last fiscal year

Post Gruha Jyothi

However, there has been a positive development in residential power theft reduction since the introduction of the Gruha Jyoti scheme. It reduced the incentive for residents to engage in illegal practices, although challenges with industrial and commercial power theft persist.

> **"The theft and penalty numbers show a concerning trend and highlight a persistent issue of electricity theft plaguing Bengaluru**
> – An official

With temperatures increasing, many are also seeing their electricity bills rise. Many individuals previously eligible for Gruha Jyoti are now realising that their power usage exceeds the entitled units (EU). Numerous Bengalureans qualifying under the scheme are being required to pay for the additional units used beyond their EU. Such consumers are obligated to pay only the difference exceeding the EU. Consumption beyond 200 units requires payment of the entire bill amount, as the Gruha Jyoti scheme will not apply.

Expressing his concern, a resident of Bhuvaneshwari Nagar said, "For the last few months, I have received zero bills thanks to the Gruha Jyoti scheme. However, this month, I was shocked to be asked to pay Rs 98. BESCOM personnel explained that I used 11 units more than the EU. With nights becoming hotter, power consumption might have gone up." Responding to this, a senior BESCOM official noted, "We observed an increase in power consumption in many houses, possibly due to poor rainfall. Moreover, many are using more electrical equipment as they are receiving free power. So far, we haven't received complaints that power bills increased due to faulty readings."

₹1.18 cr loss due to rainfall

An official said that the severe weather resulted in substantial damage, including 33 HT poles, 29 LT poles, and 11 transformers. A total of 305 poles were damaged, with an estimated cost of repair amounting to 25.63 lakhs. 57 transformers were damaged, with an estimated repair cost of 86.20 lakhs, along with 18 double pole structures requiring repair, totaling 6.67 lakhs. "The estimated repair cost due to the rain-induced damages amounts to ₹1.18 crore," said an official.

'Don't target colleges, focus on issues'

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A notice addressed to one of the colleges (a copy obtained by Mirror) asked to withdraw the aided status due to low student enrollment in certain combinations within the aided division from the academic years 2021-22 to 2023-24.

"For instance, in the first year PU Arts section, only 29 students were admitted this year, with a total of 74 admissions over the past three years. Similarly, the second year PU Arts stream has only 18 enrolled students this year, totaling 51 enrollments over three years. In the commerce streams, there were 11 admissions for first year PU and 10 for second year PU this year, with 51 and 26 admissions respectively in the last three years. According to PU department regulations, each department should have a minimum of 40 students. However, none of the departments met this criterion over the past three years. The letter seeks clarification on the reasons for such low enrollment and questions the viability of continuing grants for the aided section under these circumstances."

Reacting to this, Talikatte said that their stance is that there should be one lecturer for every 40 students, not necessarily 40 students per class.

"This approach encourages parents to enroll their children in government aided colleges. It is imprudent to remove lecturers, as they are essential to the system despite the challenges they face. We urge immediate payment of withheld salaries to lecturers and a directive for the Education Depart-ment to address the issue in a rational and fair manner."

A PU official said according to the PU rules, each PU college may have up to three sections offering three distinct combinations of subjects in the first year of operation. "However, there must be at least two distinct combinations. The student strength per section must range between a minimum of 40 and a maximum of 80 students.

Additionally, there must be a minimum of 10 students in each language taught in part one. If the student strength in any approved language or optional subject falls below the prescribed minimum for three consecutive years, the college will not admit students to that language or optional subject in the following academic year. Any admissions made in violation of these rules will be considered null and void, and the students will not be eligible to appear for the annual exams."

Currency smuggler held at airport

A 22-year-old man from Chennai was apprehended by authorities at Bengaluru airport while he was attempting to board a flight to Bangkok. Acting on specific intelligence, Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) officials intercepted him and conducted a search last week. They discovered foreign currency (including US Dollars, Thai Baht, and Malaysian Ringgit) valued at approximately Rs 49.82 lakh along with Indian currency notes amounting to Rs 45,000 in his possession. The individual is suspected of trying to smuggle the money out of India. Subsequently, the currency was confiscated, and the passenger was taken into custody. Sources say that investigations are being carried out by the authorities. **BMB**

Police probe bomb threat mail at Mangaluru airport

The police have launched a probe in connection with the bomb threat received at the Mangaluru International Airport a few days ago, an official said on Saturday. Similar threats were received at over 30 airports in the country.

According to an official, an FIR regarding the matter has been filed at a Mangaluru police station.

The development follows an investigation initiated over a complaint by Monesh KG, the chief security officer at the Mangaluru International Airport, about the threat mail. The police said that on April 29 at 9.37 a.m., an unidentified person sent a threatening message to the official email address of the Mangaluru airport.

The sender of the email claimed that explosives planted on the airport's premises and in aircraft would be blown up to cause loss of life.

A subsequent probe revealed that the suspect had sent similar threat emails to more than 30 airports in the country.

According to sources, the email was sent to more than 90 email IDs of airports and security agencies, including the Central Industrial Security Force (CISF).

The police have initiated a hunt for the accused. **IANS**

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K-RIDE plans for seamless public transport experience

Multi-modal integration for 50% stations across four corridors, shared parking spaces

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File photo of the view of foot over bridge (FOB) at KSR City Railway Station

The Rail Infrastructure Development Company-Karnataka (K-RIDE) is currently planning for seamless connectivity between Indian railways, metros, and suburban stations. In a welcome move encouraging usage of public transport, stations under suburban railway will have multi-modal integration and shared parking spaces. Nearly 50 per cent of the total 58 stations across the four corridors will have multi-modal integration. This would ensure that passengers using suburban railways would be able to access Metro and Indian railway stations directly from the suburban railway station.

The design of the station would accommodate the needs of commuters to interchange between different modes of transport. According to rough estimates, K-RIDE plans to have 28 stations with multi-modal integration with the metro, and 36 stations will share integration with Indian Railways and Metro stations.

On the under-construction Corridor 2 of BSRP, Benniganahalli, Hebbal, and Yeshwantpur stations will have foot-over bridges (FOBs) or travelators connecting Metro and railway stations. Dedicated FOBs have also been planned for KSR Bengaluru station and Sir MV Terminal. The KSR Bengaluru City Station on BSRP's Corridors 1 and 3 will share integration with the Majestic Metro Station of BMRCL's Purple and Green Line and SCB's IR station. The station is located approximately 350 metres from the Metro and 275 metres from the IR station.

According to sources, DULT has been chairing meetings with BMRCL. KSRTC, BMTC, and K-RIDE will discuss plans for multi-modal integration with plans in progress within 500 metres of the suburban station. However, currently, K-RIDE does not have plans for dedicated feeder buses or direct connectivity to bus stations, and it might run into constraints with providing direct FOBs to bus stations owing to the distance.

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However, according to a study conducted by K-Ride in 2023, 22 bus stops were found within 500m of the suburban station, along with 23 railway stations and 14 metro stations. As per the study, 10 stations could share integration with both Metro and Indian railways.

In yet another move to dissuade private vehicle usage, in some of the stations, K-RIDE, BMRCL, and Indian Railways will have shared parking spaces. The move is being made to encourage more people to walk, cycle, or use public transport to reach suburban rail stations. The stations will have dedicated space provided for parking cycles. A detailed plan for the stations along with a multi-modal integrated design will be prepared after the tender finalises for station construction.

Residents of Dasarahalli constituency stare at water crisis

Borewells in area have dried up; Rs 3 crore allocated to mitigate water woes, other problems

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Residents at Visvesvaraya Layout gathered to fetch Cauvery water from a water tanker

With the acute shortage of water in Dasarahalli Assembly constituency, residents have been facing a lot of problems with drinking water. It is alleged that the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) had allocated four crore rupees just three days before the model code of conduct came into effect towards mitigating water woes and other problems.

However, the BBMP authorities have allegedly instructed the elected representative and BBMP ward engineers not to utilise the allocated funds due to the model code of conduct on the eve of Lok Sabha elections. As of now, no efforts are made to utilise the funds allocated for Dasarahalli Assembly constituency even after the polling was held for three LS constituencies in Bengaluru. It seems that they will have to wait until the election results are announced. "We are facing a lot of problems. Many borewells have dried up in our locality. Cauvery water is being supplied once every 10 days, and it is not sufficient. We have to depend on private water tankers who demand a huge amount," said PH Raju, a resident of Visvesvaraya Layout.

"We want the BWSSB authorities to supply potable water twice a week," said Ramesh U, a resident of Seshadri Nagar in Bagalakunte ward, adding that the residents in the area get Cauvery water once in 15 days.

K Anand Reddy of Sidedahalli has said that he is facing a water crisis for the first time this March. "With the borewell dried up, we are facing a water problem. The BWSSB authorities have made arrangements to supply free water, but it is not sufficient. Each resident can collect only 10 pots of water," he said.

Talking about the untimely release of funds, MLA S Muniraju has said that he wrote letters to the Chief Minister, Deputy CM, and BWSSB chairman to mitigate water woes, but they have yet to help the residents. "BBMP authorities did not float a tender for the developmental works before the model code of conduct came into effect. There is an acute shortage of water at Bagalakunte, Visvesvaraya Layout, Sidedahalli, Siddeshwara Layout, and Soundarya Layout. I want the BBMP authorities and BWSSB authorities to take measures for mitigating water woes," he added.

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Is it a dumpsite?

ISRO Layout

BBMP workers are not clearing the trash at ISRO Layout, particularly at a spot behind the bus stop.

Another reckless dump

Kodihalli

Unauthorised dumping and garbage are rampant on 80 Feet Road in Kodihalli, CV Raman Nagar Constituency, showcasing a blatant disregard for the law.

Damaged road

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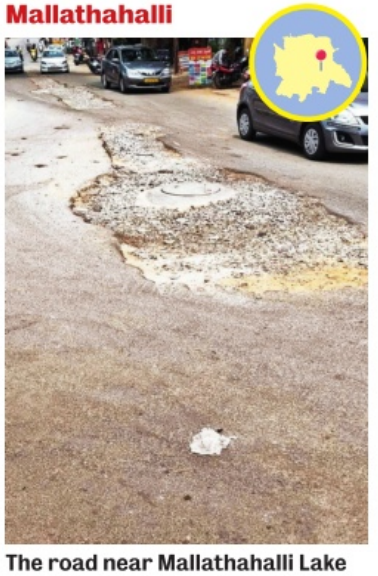
The road near Mallathahalli Lake is cracking up, posing difficulties for motorists navigating the area.

The chopped tree

Avenue tree felling turns city's green cover protector into destroyer

Hosakerehalli residents lament over loss of healthy tree, allege Palike malpractice

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A group of residents from Hosakerehalli have raised an alarm over the cutting of an avenue tree in the area. Locals say a healthy tree was brought down by officials from Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) on Thursday evening following a request by a resident.

They allege the tree was axed without any inspection conducted by BBMP's forest department. Rachana Ravi, a resident of the area, objected to tree felling on Thursday and alleged that the request was by a person who owns a property adjacent to this avenue tree. "The property owner claims that the tree was obstructing construction activity on his property. However, the four-storey house is already constructed. Moreover, no inspection was conducted by BBMP before granting permission," she said.

However, an official from BBMP's forest department said that they inspected the tree a couple of weeks ago and felt it might be dangerous in case of heavy rain and gusty wind. "The applicant had also mentioned that the tree was leaving no space for him to move and park his vehicle. These are the reasons we had to cut it," he added.

However, locals refuted this, saying the tree was hardly ten years old and was in prime condition. "It was neither in the way nor causing any harm to anyone. It was healthy, with no damaged parts. Moreover, none of the residents in the area witnessed any inspection carried out by BBMP. It is sad to see permissions to cut avenue trees being granted for petty issues by an agency that is supposed to protect the city's green cover," said another resident of the area.

According to Ravi, while BBMP officials acted swiftly in axing the avenue tree, they have been non-responsive in the case of a tree in the same area with sagging and dead tree branches that sustained damage during cyclonic weather a year ago. "We raised the issue a year ago, immediately after we saw that the branch on top of a tree had fallen and was in a dangerous position. It is a big branch and might cause damage to vehicles or people walking on the road. We also followed up with a picture of the damaged tree and its location. While no action was taken against our complaint, the officials moved quickly to bring down a healthy tree after an inspection that none of the residents could witness," lamented Ravi.

It was saddening to see BBMP axing a healthy tree. We only witnessed the owner of the building coming in with BBMP officials, a vehicle, and machines and starting to cut it. Construction activity on the site has been going on for more than a year without any hindrance, said Mallikarjun, another resident of the area.

House rentals surge by 8%

Bengaluru's rental rises to second highest in country

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Inflation isn't the only financial burden facing residents; rental prices are also soaring. With offices fully reopening, there's been an unprecedented surge in demand for rental properties. Many residents are expressing frustration over property owners hiking prices, leaving them with no choice but to shoulder hefty rents. Recent data reveals an 8 per cent increase in rental rates in Bengaluru during the last quarter alone. To illustrate, at the end of 2022, the average rent for a standard 2 BHK property was Rs 22,500 in Whitefield and Rs 24,000 in Sarjapur Road. By the end of 2023, these figures had climbed significantly to Rs 30,200 in Whitefield and Rs 31,600 in Sarjapur Road. In the first quarter of 2024, the average rent further spiked to Rs 34,000 in Sarjapur and Rs 32,500 in Whitefield.

According to the latest Anarock research report, Bengaluru's rental surge of 8 per cent ranks second highest in the country, trailing only behind Sector 150 of Noida. Comparatively, Chennai witnessed a 4 per cent rise in rentals, while Hyderabad saw a 5 per cent increase. These trends indicate a broader challenge of affordability and access to housing, particularly in urban centres experiencing rapid economic growth.

The latest report from ANAROCK highlights a significant surge in rental housing demand across major cities, leading to soaring average rental values and increasing rental yields, which measure the annual return on investment from a property. Bengaluru, with its strong presence in the IT sector, continues to lead with a rental yield of 4.45 per cent in Q1 2024, compared to 3.6 per cent before the Covid-19 pandemic, marking a 24 per cent growth.

Following Bengaluru, Mumbai boasts a rental yield of 4.15 per cent in Q1 2024, up from 3.5 per cent in 2019, reflecting a 19 per cent increase. Gurugram closely follows with a rental yield of 4.1 per cent in the last quarter, compared to 3.5 per cent in 2019. Santhosh Kumar from ANAROCK said that India's residential rental yields had stagnated around 3 per cent before the pandemic, but the post-pandemic rental demand surge has pushed yields upward, especially in IT-centric cities like Bengaluru, Gurugram, Pune, Noida, and Mumbai Metropolitan Region (MMR).

"The rental values in India's top cities have witnessed a resurgence after the pandemic, with a remarkable over 30 per cent year-on-year growth in 2023. Although rental values stabilised in most cities in the last quarter of 2023, the rental market regained momentum in Q1 2024. In Q1 2024, there was an average increase of 4-9 per cent in residential rents in prominent localities of the top 7 cities, exceeding the typical annual increase range of 5-10 per cent. Bengaluru particularly saw significant growth, with average rental values in Sarjapur Road and Whitefield rising by 8 per cent each in Q1 2024 compared to the previous quarter. Other cities like Noida, Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata, Chennai, and Hyderabad also experienced varying degrees of rental value inflation during this period. I predict that the current trend of rental inflation is unlikely to slow down soon, especially with high rental activity expected in the first two quarters of the fiscal year," Kumar added.

Notice sent to KSPCB over Cauvery contamination

NGT takes action following alarming reports of deteriorating water quality of Cauvery River in Kodagu

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Cauvery River

The principal bench of the National Green Tribunal (NGT) has issued a notice to the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board (KSPCB) concerning the high pollution levels in the Cauvery River. The tribunal took suo motu action following a news article highlighting the deteriorating water quality in the river in Kodagu, its birth district. This came after various organisations and residents of the area submitted a memorandum demanding the preservation of the river. The recent water quality data released by the state pollution control board shows that the water at the river base has degraded to category C.

Acting on the report, the NGT also sent notices to the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) and the Deputy Commissioner and District Magistrate of Kodagu, in addition to impeding the KSPCB. "As per the news item, the statistics released by the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board revealed that the purity of water in Cauvery has reached a 'C' grade at its birth district. As per the criteria, river water that has an 'A' grade certificate is good, and water can be used from the source directly, but 'C' grade water means that the water can be used only after conventional treatment. The news item raises substantial issues relating to compliance with environmental norms. Hence, we implead," noted the order.

The water quality of the Cauvery is measured by the KSPCB at three stations - Rangapattana, Ranganathhitu, and Satyagalam Bridge. The recent analysis report shows that the level of faecal and total coliform in the water body has more than doubled compared to the water quality analysis of the river during the same time in previous years.

In February 2024, the KSPCB's water quality analysis of the river showed that the Cauvery water quality at two out of three stations was of Class D category and it was under Class C at the third station. At the Shrirangapatna monitoring station, the value of faecal coliform was 390 MPN/100ml and the total coliform was 3,300 MPN/100ML in February this year. However, in February 2023, the faecal coliform level was 120 MPN/100 ml and the total coliform was 1,500 MPN/100 ml. In February 2022, it was 270 MPN/100 ml and 1,400 MPN/100 ml.

As per CPCB's standards, the permissible level of faecal coliform bacteria in water bodies considered suitable for bathing, contact water sports, and commercial fisheries is 100 MPN/100 ml. Similarly, in water bodies suitable only for industrial cooling, aesthetic purposes, navigation, and controlled waste disposal, the permissible level of faecal coliform bacteria is 500 MPN/100 ml. Water quality experts and ecologists say the high level of coliform bacteria points to untreated sewage entering the river, mostly due to unregulated tourism in Kodagu district.

"While resorts and five-star hotels are mushrooming in pockets around Cauvery in Kodagu, there is no mechanism to ensure that these establishments do not discharge untreated sewage into the river. However, the large value of faecal and total coliform bacteria only shows that this is happening on a large scale," said Dr TV Ramachandra, Center for Ecological Sciences, Indian Institute of Science (IISc).

Authorities should consider conducting the carrying capacity of the region, and tourism in the area should be managed based on the outcome of the study. "Monitoring should be made more robust and should include some more parameters such as heavy metals and nutrients such as nitrogen and phosphorus concentration. The area has a lot of cultivation fields and coffee plantations, indicating high use of fertilisers. The carrying capacity of the region should have been done before allowing tourism at such a large scale," said Dr Ramachandra.

Lakes stare at pits of pollution

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Dysfunctional body

"KSPCB is a dysfunctional body, which has not even lifted a finger to regulate polluters like tanneries and stone-cutting industries. KSPCB is empowered to book even government agencies. Moreover, all industries are directly under KSPCB. They cannot be set up without environmental clearances, which need to be renewed periodically. Why has KSPCB allowed five large industrial estates without any ETP (Effluent Treatment Plants)?" questioned Nagesh Aras, a city-based lake activist.

Lake activists say it is time for KSPCB To bring transparency to their work and make data on action taken against industries or government agencies available in the public domain.

"The number of cases filed, industries shut and penalty imposed by KSPCB on lake polluters, including industries and government agencies should be available in public domain. Moreover, as the custodian of Bengaluru's lakes, Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike should also take cognizance of the poor water quality. BBMP's Lakes Department should make use of KSPCB's monthly water quality reports and take necessary measures to prevent lakes from being further polluted," said Raghavendra B Pachhapur, another city-based lake activist.

Sewage problem

According to the officials from KSPCB, the main reason lakes fall under the Class E category is the discharge of raw sewage. While the government is augmenting the underground sewage network and Sewage Treatment Plants (STPs) are being set up, bringing down pollution of Bengaluru's lakes is a complex issue. However, KSPCB is doing all in its capacity to improve water quality of the lakes.

"We are filing criminal cases and issuing closure directions to industries that are discharging untreated effluents in water bodies. We do take measures under the Environment (Protection) Act and serve notices even to government agencies if they are found to be not discharging their duties necessary to abate pollution levels," said the KSPCB official.

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Battle with back pain: Role of ergonomics & rehabilitation

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At present, low back pain has become the most common health-related issue due to changing lifestyles, bad posture, lack of physical activity, and improper ergonomics. Health professionals have identified physical rehabilitation and ergonomics as the key factors in the recovery of such patients. As Bengaluru is known as the IT capital, many IT employees have been facing neck strains or back issues due to improper postures. Research conducted by experts has been published in Acta Scientific Orthopaedics, highlighting the importance of physical rehabilitation and ergonomics in patients.

Dr Shubham Menaria, Former Physiotherapist at NIMHANS, pointed out a case of a 25-year-old who presented with chronic low back pain. The chief complaint included being unable to sit for a longer time, which would aggravate his pain, thereby hindering his occupation as a software engineer. There was no significant history of any other pathology or comorbidities. A clinical investigation confirmed L4-L5 intervertebral disc prolapse with no neural compression. Proper guidance towards ergonomics and successful physical therapy management using Pain Neuroscience Education, electrotherapy, and exercise therapy for low back pain. At the end of the fourth session, the patient was completely pain-free, and functional, and resumed his work. He was called for follow-up on the 10th day and found to have no relapse of pain.

Dr Menaria highlighted that many cases witnessing such pains are those sitting for long hours in front of computers. He said, "It is observed that knowledge of ergonomics is lower in the younger generation who have a continuous desktop job. Ergonomics plays a very important role in our lives. Improper posture, repeated strain to the body, and prolonged posture cause neuro-musculoskeletal disorders due to bad ergonomics."

Dr Menaria, who is also the corresponding author of the study, said, "Physiotherapy has a wide range of skills and can assist in assessing workspaces to correct posture and the importance of maintaining a neutral spine to decrease the impact on neuromusculoskeletal structures. While this advice may have an impact on musculoskeletal pain symptoms, specific ergonomic considerations to address fitness to work are lacking. The role of ergonomics has become an important component in the assessment of the risk factors associated with work-related musculoskeletal disorders. In particular, the prevalence of neck, shoulder, and back pain related to more time being spent on computers is increasing. Therefore, the purpose of this study is to know how physical rehabilitation and ergonomics help in faster recovery of patients with back pain."

THE SUNDAY READ

Date with duty

SUV bringing in ration from the villages to workers who live in Bengaluru

Why Karnataka's intra state migrants will be heading home from Bengaluru this election

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Shekar has been a resident of Bengaluru for a decade. But he will be making the 10-hour journey to his village in Raichur district, Karnataka, to cast his vote in the 2024 Lok Sabha elections. As will a large number of migrant families from north Karnataka, residing in the Rachenahalli settlement close to the IT hub of Manyata Tech Park in Bengaluru.

"It is my right to vote. I have not missed voting ever," said Shekar, who moved because farming was no longer financially viable with deficient rainfall in his village. It is a story many residents of the city repeat. The other factor that prompts move to the city is loan repayment. Shekar has another Rs 2 lakh remaining of his Rs 6 lakh loan. As he has his own tractor and works independently, Shekar does not have to at least factor in taking leave from employment for the working days he will miss. He works as a site helper on construction projects of the municipal body, Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP), and private builders.

A system which would have enabled migrant workers to vote from the cities or places they work in would have been helpful, say residents who are from villages in the north Karnataka districts of Raichur, Ballary, Kalaburagi and Yadgir. Karnataka votes in two phases, with the northern parts polling on May 7.

Mounesha, 46, from Malkapur, Raichur, says he will mostly miss voting. "We have to spend Rs 700 in travelling one way to the village. During gram panchayat elections, village leaders or candidates generally make travel arrangements so those of us in the cities can vote. They need the numbers as many people have migrated," said Mounesha. This is not the case for Lok Sabha elections, said Mounesha. He too, has a loan of Rs 1.5 lakh which he needs to repay.

Unlike other migrant workers, auto driver Anji, 25, has gotten his Aadhaar and voter cards shifted to Bengaluru, and had cast his vote for the North Bengaluru Lok Sabha constituency seat. He has moved his young family, and his children go to school in Bengaluru. He avails of ration too in the city. He moved eight years ago because of failing crops in his village, and to repay the loan of Rs 1 lakh he had taken.

Bengaluru's water scarcity this year has meant these families have to buy water at a higher cost at Re 1 per litre, adding to their expenses. Apart from the voter IDs, many migrant workers also have their ration cards registered in their native villages. The workers' extended families in the villages use the ration. Once in a while, families including Mounesha's arrange for some of this ration to be transported to Bengaluru for the workers. The Sunday this reporter visited was one such day. As the SUV drives in loaded with sacks, bags and plastic water pots, there's a buzz as residents greet the vehicle's passengers and unload some of the bags. The vehicle then proceeds to its next destination.

Muniraju of India LabourLine said most of the workers have extended families back in the village, and some property, and so despite being away for some years, maintain the same address on their voter and other identity cards. "Many of them are seasonal workers too, who head home during the rainy season. Even within Bengaluru, they tend to shift around a bit based on their work. They don't depend on just one kind of work. So very few change the address on their cards," he said.

Mounesha, who has spent nearly 25 years in Bengaluru, started out earning Rs 60 a day, he said. As a construction labourer, he now earns Rs 500 to 600 a day, double of what he would for similar work in the village, he said. Even though all his identity cards, including voter, Aadhaar and ration cards are registered in the village, he plans to stay on in Bengaluru because of the higher wages. He has leased out the land he has in Malkapur. "Summers have gotten quite hot in our village. Farming is not a viable option," he said. He goes back to his village a few times a year, during festivals and family events.

In Narayanapura, Bengaluru, where he lives, there are a different set of battles. "Our house owner has asked us to vacate, but isn't returning the advance we had paid on the house. My wife lost her job after the restaurant she was working at shut down. The owner cannot be traced for us to collect her dues. The main issue here is a lack of permanent jobs. We earn day to day," said Mounesha.

Wages dispute is the top concern for migrant workers, said Muniraju, adding many of them don't get their dues. "Workers are employed for only 12-15 days a month. They turn up at the labour adda or market and sometimes have to return without work. Among unskilled labourers, wages are also different for men and women. A man can earn Rs 500 to Rs 700, while a woman only makes Rs 400 to Rs 500 a day," added Muniraju.

(The writer is an independent journalist based in Bengaluru)

Mounesha (Right)

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Treacherous roads in Dasarahalli cause trouble

Commuters voice deep worry over hazardous conditions plaguing vital routes, with broken slabs & potholes posing grave risks

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The road stretching from the National Highway, a vital route to Kempegowda International Airport, has become a perilous journey for two-wheeler riders, highlighting grave concerns among drivers who navigate this treacherous path daily.

Local residents and frequent commuters express deep worry over the deteriorating condition of this crucial service road connecting Dasarahalli, Kodigehalli, Sahakar Nagar, Byatarayanapura, GKVK, and Jakkur layout. The road, plagued by recurring potholes resulting from broken cement slabs on the culverts, has witnessed an alarming rise in accidents, particularly among speeding motorists who unwittingly plunge into these death pits.

S Siva Prasad, a resident, said, "The situation on this road has been dire since its construction. The broken slabs and ensuing potholes have turned what should be a safe passage into a hazardous nightmare for all road users. The issue is exacerbated by heavy vehicle traffic, exacerbating the risk for unsuspecting drivers who find themselves suddenly swerving to avoid these treacherous potholes."

Recent incidents, such as the plastic barricades placed by local traffic police being damaged due to collisions, highlight the urgency of the situation. Despite numerous complaints from concerned citizens and municipal and corporation officials, no effective action has been taken to rectify the road's hazardous conditions.

"When we approach the traffic police, they redirect us to the corporation officials, washing their hands of the matter," said Shanthi, a regular commuter on the problematic road. "It's disheartening to see such negligence from the authorities, especially when the safety of commuters is at stake."

The dire condition of the road

DID YOU KNOW?

The hilly region of Ramanagara is the actual village setting of the legendary villain "Gabbar Singh" from the iconic movie 'Sholay.' Situated merely 60 km away from Bangalore, Ramanagara offers a quick and accessible road trip destination for movie enthusiasts and travellers alike. Its rugged terrain and scenic vistas add to the allure of experiencing the cinematic history firsthand. Visiting Ramanagara provides a unique opportunity to step into the iconic world of 'Sholay' and immerse oneself in its legendary narrative.

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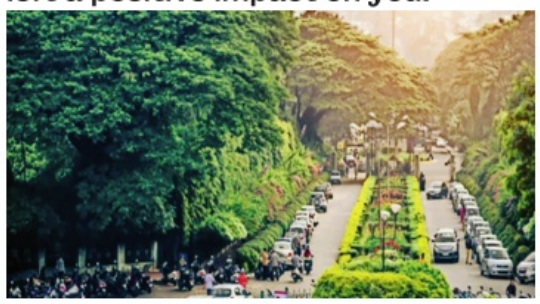
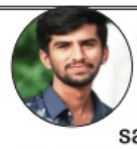


Naveen, BM Reader
Sustainable practices, ranging from eco-friendly initiatives to waste management programmes, highlight Bangalore's commitment to environmental responsibility. These efforts contribute to a greener future..



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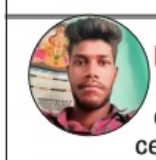
The city has adopted several eco-friendly practices and energy-saving initiatives. For instance, the Indian Institute of Management, Bangalore (IIMB), has been generating solar energy through rooftop installations.

Karthik, BM Reader
Bangalore is a place known for giving life to different people with lots of dreams. Where people who come from other regions and different states like this city and they settle for a long time because of its commitment to sustainability.



Bhargav, BM Reader
It is heartening to see that the city is taking steps to address the century's greatest global challenges and improve citizens' quality of life. I hope that these initiatives will inspire other cities to follow suit.

Vishnu, BM Reader
The city has placed great emphasis on preserving and expanding urban green spaces. Projects like the Bangalore Lake Development Authority have rejuvenated lakes, transforming them into vibrant ecosystems and recreational areas.

Rajendra, BM Reader
The introduction of an extensive metro network has not only improved commuting but also reduced vehicular emissions significantly. These initiatives contribute to reduced reliance on fossil fuels.

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SEXUAL ASSAULT PROBE

No bail: SIT knocks, takes HD Revanna into custody

Woman who was allegedly kidnapped was traced to farmhouse of JD(S) leader's personal assistant

In a major development, the Special Investigation Team (SIT) probing the sex video scandal involving JD(S) MP Prajwal Revanna on Saturday took his father and JD(S) MLA HD Revanna into custody after his anticipatory bail plea in a victim kidnapping case was rejected by the People's Representative Court in Bengaluru.

Sources said that HD Revanna has been taken into custody from the residence of his father and former Prime Minister HD Deve Gowda in Bengaluru's Padmanabhanagar locality. He has been taken to the SIT office on the premises of the Criminal Investigation Department (CID).

HD Revanna opened the door himself and walked out with the SIT officers towards their vehicle. He did not make any remark at the time of his arrest.

The SIT officers reached the former PM's residence soon after the court turned down his anticipatory bail plea in a case related to the kidnapping of a woman who was allegedly sexually assaulted by his son Prajwal Revanna, the sources said.

Earlier on Saturday, the SIT traced the kidnapped woman to the farmhouse of Rajashekar, the personal assistant (PA) to HD Revanna, at Kalenahalli village in Mysuru district.

In the court, Special Public Prosecutor BN Jagadish submitted that the case is about saving the life of a poor woman.

Jagadish argued that HD Revanna did not turn up before the authorities even after being served three notices.

Women's groups protest against impunity with which sexual violence against women is on the rise; inset: File photo of HD Revanna

"An impartial probe will be conducted and no matter how many influential people are involved in the case, they will be handed over to the hands of the law –Siddaramaiah, CM

Senior counsel Muthy D Naik, appearing for HD Revanna, argued that the only allegation against his client is a statement that he had called the victim to his residence.

Barring this, there is nothing to prove the role of HD Revanna in this case, he argued, adding that the statement was made by an accused in the case, with whom his client has no connections.

He also claimed that the SIT has deliberately added IPC Section 364A, which attracts life imprisonment and capital punishment, to ensure that his client's bail plea is rejected. The other IPC Sections invoked in the case -- 363 and 365 -- attract imprisonment of less than seven years. Therefore, to prove the innocence of HD Revanna, he should be granted bail, Naik submitted. Meanwhile, the woman, who had gone missing on April 29, was found locked up in the farmhouse when the SIT officers reached there following a tip-off.

Sources said Rajashekar is absconding ever since the SIT traced the missing woman to his farmhouse. The woman is being brought to Bengaluru where her statement will be recorded.

On Friday, Karnataka Police registered an FIR against HD Revanna in connection with the kidnapping of the woman, believed to be one of the victims of the sex video scandal involving his son Prajwal Revanna.

The woman's son had registered a missing complaint naming HD Revanna as the prime accused in the case. His relative Satish Babu was named as the second accused in the FIR, whom the police arrested from Mysuru district on Friday.

The woman's son alleged that his mother went missing after the surfacing of a purported sex video in which Prajwal Revanna could be seen sexually assaulting her. **–IANS**

Did not get any letter on allegations: Vijayendra

Karnataka BJP President B Y Vijayendra on Saturday rejected claims that he was in the know about the sexual abuse allegations against Hassan JD(S) MP Prajwal Revanna, and asserted that the issue would have no adverse impact on the two parties in the ongoing Lok Sabha elections.

Vijayendra asserted that he has not yet received any letter regarding the allegations till now and that such claims are "far from the truth".

Vijayendra's comments came after BJP leader G Devaraje Gowda, who had was the party's candidate for the Holenarasipur Assembly seat against Prajwal's father H D Revanna in the May 2023 assembly elections, had claimed that he had written a letter to Vijayendra in December 2023. The letter, he claimed, informed him about the alleged explicit video clips related to the MP, and warned him about the possible embarrassment to the party if he was fielded as the NDA candidate.

JD(S) headed by former Prime Minister H D Deve Gowda joined the BJP-led NDA in September last year. The parties are contesting the ongoing Lok Sabha elections together. The 33-year-old Prajwal, who is the grandson of Deve Gowda, was the NDA candidate in the Hassan Lok Sabha segment, which went to polls on April 26. In the purported letter opposing the BJP's probable alliance with the JD(S) in Hassan, Gowda stated that he was in possession of a pen drive containing scores of explicit video clips and photos allegedly shot by Prajwal Revanna, who also allegedly used them to blackmail many women.

Stating that another pen drive containing the videos and documents have reached the hands of Congress leadership, he also warned in the letter if Prajwal is fielded as the alliance's candidate, there are chances of them using it as a weapon to target the BJP and cause embarrassment. **–PTI**

CBI likely to issue 'Blue Corner Notice' against Prajwal

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah's office on Saturday said a special team probing the alleged sex scandal involving Prajwal Revanna has informed the CM that there is a possibility of the CBI issuing a "Blue Corner Notice" against the JD(S) Hassan MP, who is said to have left the country.

A Blue Corner Notice is issued by the international police cooperation body to collect additional information from its member countries about a person's identity, location or activities in relation to a crime.

Siddaramaiah held an "important meeting" with the officials of the Special Investigation Team (SIT), during which he instructed that immediate action be taken to arrest Prajwal Revanna.

"We will proceed for arrest with appropriate measures. There is a possibility of CBI issuing a Blue Corner Notice, which will speed up the investigation," the officials told the CM, according to a release from his office.

"They (SIT officials) have assured that they will arrest and get the accused back, as soon as they get the information from the airports," it said.

The SIT is said to have sent a request to the CBI, the nodal body for Interpol matters in India, seeking a Blue Corner Notice against Prajwal Revanna, official sources said.

File photo of NDA candidate from Hassan Prajwal Revanna

"Once CBI issues this notice, SIT hopes to get information about the whereabouts of Prajwal Revanna," they said.

The 33-year-old Prajwal Revanna, who is the grandson of former PM H D Deve Gowda, was the BJP-JD(S) alliance's candidate from Hassan, which went to the polls on April 26.

Explicit video clips allegedly involving Prajwal Revanna had started making the rounds in Hassan in recent days, following which the state government constituted the SIT to probe the scandal.

Prajwal Revanna is said to have flown abroad on April 27, a day after the first phase of Lok Sabha polls in Karnataka was held. His advocate had sought for seven days' time for him to appear before the SIT, to which the investigating team has replied it is not possible as there is no such provision.

At the meeting, the chief minister was briefed by the SIT officials about the developments so far in the case, his office said in the statement.

The officials explained to Siddaramaiah that Prajwal Revanna, the main accused in the case, is "missing", and that a lookout notice has been issued against him, and intensive search is also being conducted. **–PTI**

Deepfake buster
Elon Musk said an update on 'improved image matching' will defeat deepfakes as well as shallowfakes on X

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Coming up next

What to expect from the next generation of chatbots

Recently, there has been a flurry of publicity about the planned upgrades to OpenAI's ChatGPT AI-powered chatbot and Meta's Llama system, which powers the company's chatbots across Facebook and Instagram.

The technology behind these systems is known as a large language model (LLM). These are artificial neural networks, a type of AI designed to mimic the human brain. They can generate general purpose text, for chatbots, and perform language processing tasks such as classifying concepts, analysing data and translating text.

They acquire these abilities through an intensive process known as training, where the AI system is exposed to vast amounts of data in an effort to improve what it does. OpenAI and Meta are expected to release the newer versions of their chatbots – called GPT-5 and Llama 3, respectively, before the end of summer 2024. But how will these differ from their predecessors and what value will they add?

Like its predecessor GPT-4, GPT-5 will be capable of understanding images and text. For instance, users will be able to ask it to describe an image, making it even more accessible to people with visual impairments.

However, GPT-5 will have superior capabilities with different languages, making it possible for non-English speakers to communicate and interact with the system. This includes greater mastery of language translation. The upgrade will also have an improved ability to interpret the context of dialogue and interpret the nuances of language.

Compared to its predecessor, GPT-5 will have more advanced reasoning capabilities, meaning it will be able to analyse more complex data sets and perform more sophisticated problem-solving. The reasoning will enable the AI system to take informed decisions by learning from new experiences.

Hence, it will be able to provide more accurate information to users. For instance, the system's improved analytical capabilities will allow it to suggest possible medical conditions from symptoms described by the user. GPT-5 can process up to 50,000 words at a time, which is twice as many as GPT-4 can do.

It will feature a higher level of emotional intelligence, allowing for more empathic interactions with users. This could be useful in a range of settings, including customer service. GPT-5 will also display a significant improvement in the accuracy of how it searches for and retrieves information.

It is said to go far beyond the functions of a typical search engine that finds and extracts relevant information from existing information repositories, towards generating new content. GPT-5 is also expected to show higher levels of fairness and inclusion in the content it generates due to additional efforts put in by OpenAI to reduce biases in the language model.

It will be able to interact in a more intelligent manner with other devices and machines, including smart systems in the home. The GPT-5 should be able to analyse and interpret data generated by these other machines and incorporate it into user responses. It will also be able to learn from this with the aim of providing more customised answers.

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This could enable smarter environments at home and in the workplace. GPT-5 will be more compatible with what's known as the Internet of Things, where devices in the home and elsewhere are connected and share information. It should also help support the concept known as industry 5.0, where humans and machines operate interactively within the same workplace.

GPT-5 will feature more robust security protocols that make this version more robust against malicious use and mishandling. It could be used to enhance email security by enabling users to recognise potential data security breaches or phishing attempts.

Overall, the upgrade from OpenAI should be more versatile, more energy efficient in its computations and offer a more adaptable and personalised service.

Meta's Llama upgrade

Llama-3 is Meta's competitor to GPT-5. It features several improvements compared to its predecessor, Llama-2. It is a more capable model that will eventually come with 400 billion parameters compared to a maximum of 70 billion for its predecessor Llama-2. In machine learning, a parameter is a term that represents a variable in the AI system that can be adjusted during the training process, in order to improve its ability to make accurate predictions.

Llama-3 will also be multimodal, which means it is capable of processing and generating text, images and video. Therefore, it will be capable of taking an image as input to provide a detailed description of the image content. Equally, it can automatically create a new image that matches the user's prompt, or text description.

It will be able to perform tasks in languages other than English and will have a larger context window than Llama 2.

A context window reflects the range of text that the LLM can process at the time the information is generated. This implies that the model will be able to handle larger chunks of text or data within a shorter period of time when it is asked to make predictions and generate responses.

Meta is planning to launch Llama-3 in several different versions to be able to work with a variety of other applications, including Google Cloud. Meta announced that more basic versions of Llama-3 will be rolled out soon, ahead of the release of the most advanced version, which is expected next summer. The transition to this new generation of chatbots could not only revolutionise generative AI, but also mark the start of a new era in human-machine interaction that could transform industries and societies on a global scale.

(By Abdul Sadka, Aston University, The Conversation)

BITS & BYTES

OVER 80,000 LAID OFF

More than 80,000 employees in the technology sector have lost jobs in the first four months this year, and layoffs continue to haunt the overall startup ecosystem globally.

Latest figures from layoff.fyi, a portal that tracks tech sector job cuts, 279 tech companies have sacked 80,230 employees to date (till May 3).

In 2022 and 2023, tech companies worldwide laid off more than 425,000 employees, as global slowdown hit the IT/Tech and the startup ecosystem.

In a latest job cut, US customer experience management platform Sprinklr sacked about 116 employees.

Exercise equipment and fitness company Peloton this week announced to lay off 15% of its workforce (about 400 employees).

Google also laid off about 200 employees from its core teams in a reorganisation move.

In fresh job cuts, Elon Musk-run Tesla laid off hundreds of employees, weeks after reducing 10% (or 14,000 people) from its global workforce.

In India, ride-hailing platform Ola Cabs has started a restructuring process that will impact at least 10% of its workforce. **IANS**

APPLE SHARES JUMP

Apple shares jumped 7% on Friday as the iPhone maker's record stock buyback plan and promise of sales growth brought back investors who have shunned the stock on concerns over weak demand and increased competition in China. The company late on Thursday forecast fiscal third-quarter sales that exceeded Wall Street's modest expectations.

It also approved an additional $110 billion in share repurchases, the largest ever buyback authorization by a U.S. company, according to EPFR analyst Winston Chua.

Friday's stock gain added nearly $200 billion to Apple's market capitalization, lifting it to $2.86 billion, second only to Microsoft, worth $3 trillion. **Reuters**

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All you need to know about...

Sunscreen reapplication

Skincare in summer
Skincare during summer also plays an important role in our overall well-being. Sunscreen is a crucial tool, especially in summer, as it is our go-to when protecting our skin from the harmful effects of UV radiation, including sunburn, premature aging, and skin cancer. However, applying sunscreen just once in the morning is not enough to ensure continuous protection throughout the day.

Defense tactic
According to Noida based Aesthetic Consultant & Physician, Dr. Saru Singh, Sunscreen serves as a vital defense against the harmful effects of UV radiation, but its protective abilities diminish over time. "Factors such as sweating, swimming, and friction from clothing can compromise sunscreen effectiveness, necessitating regular reapplication. Dermatologists emphasize the critical role of sunscreen reapplication in preventing sunburn, premature aging, and skin cancer," she says.

Reapplication tips
Dr Saru says, effective sunscreen reapplication involves the following key considerations:

- Reapply every two hours, or more frequently if sweating heavily or engaging in water activities.
- Use an adequate amount of sunscreen to cover the entire body, ensuring no areas are overlooked.
- Apply sunscreen gently to avoid disrupting the existing layer.
- Choose a broad-spectrum sunscreen with an SPF of 30 or higher, and opt for water-resistant formulas if necessary.
- Adjust reapplication frequency based on environmental factors such as intense sunlight, reflective surfaces, or high altitudes.
- Make sunscreen reapplication a consistent habit, especially during peak sun hours. —**Femina**

MANGO MARVEL

Can't get enough of the season's best mangoes? Well, just indulge in these recipes with the king of fruits

MANGO MENASKAI

INGREDIENTS
- 2 ripe mangoes, peeled and cubed
- 1/2 cup grated coconut
- 1 tablespoon tamarind paste
- 2-3 dried red chilies
- 1 teaspoon mustard seeds
- 1 teaspoon fenugreek seeds
- 1/2 teaspoon turmeric powder
- 1 tablespoon jaggery (adjust according to taste)
- Salt to taste
- 2 tablespoons oil
- Few curry leaves
- Water as needed

METHOD
- Heat 1 tablespoon of oil in a pan over medium heat. Add mustard seeds and fenugreek seeds. Let them splutter.
- Add dried red chilies and curry leaves to the pan. Sauté for a few seconds until fragrant.
- Add grated coconut to the pan and sauté until it turns golden brown. Remove from heat and let it cool.
- Once the coconut mixture has cooled down, grind it into a fine paste using a blender or food processor. Add a little water if needed to facilitate grinding.
- In a separate pan, heat the remaining oil over medium heat. Add the cubed mangoes and sauté for 2-3 minutes until slightly softened.
- Add turmeric powder and salt to the mangoes. Mix well and cook for another 2-3 minutes.
- Dilute tamarind paste in 1/2 cup of water and add it to the pan with the mangoes. Bring it to a gentle boil and then reduce the heat to low.
- Add the ground coconut paste to the pan along with jaggery. Stir well to combine all the ingredients.
- Allow the Mango Menaskai to simmer on low heat for about 5-7 minutes, stirring occasionally, until the flavors are well combined and the curry thickens slightly.
- Once done, remove from heat and transfer the Mango Menaskai to a serving bowl.
- Serve Mango Menaskai hot with steamed rice or dosa. Enjoy the tangy and spicy flavors of this traditional coastal Karnataka dish

Chef Suresh Babu, Executive Chef, Clarks Exotica Convention Resort and Spa

MANGO COCONUT RICE PUDDING

INGREDIENTS
- 1 cup rice (preferably short-grain rice)
- 4 cups coconut milk
- 1 cup diced ripe mango
- 1/4 cup sugar (adjust to taste)
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- Unsweetened shredded coconut, toasted (optional, for garnish)
- Fresh mint leaves (optional, for garnish)

METHOD
- Rinse the rice under cold water until the water runs clear. Drain well.
- In a large saucepan, combine the rinsed rice, coconut milk, sugar, and salt.
- Bring the mixture to a gentle boil over medium heat, stirring occasionally to prevent sticking.
- Once it boils, reduce the heat to low and let it simmer, uncovered, stirring occasionally, for about 25-30 minutes or until the rice is cooked and the mixture thickens to a pudding-like consistency.
- Stir in the vanilla extract and diced mango. Cook for an additional 5 minutes, stirring occasionally.
- Taste and adjust the sweetness if needed by adding more sugar.
- Once the pudding reaches the desired consistency, remove it from the heat and let it cool slightly.
- Serve the mango coconut rice pudding warm or chilled, garnished with toasted shredded coconut and fresh mint leaves if desired.

MANGO BURFI

INGREDIENTS
- Milk 1.25Ltr
- Kalakand 750Gm
- Sugar 50Gm
- Mango Pulp 500Gm
- Grated White pumpkin 200Gm
- Pista Big 10Gm

METHOD
- Take Milk, Mango Pulp, Sugar and Grated White Pumpkin and heat it to till boiling temperature.
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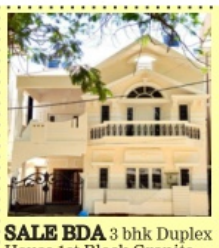

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Fun day

Priyanka Chopra and Nick Jonas, who welcomed Malti in January 2022, often share glimpses of their family life, showcasing the joy of parenthood. On Saturday, Priyanka took to Instagram and shared a cute picture of Malti playing with spirals. In the picture, we can see Malti looking absolutely adorable in a multicolored pullover and black pants. She's seen sitting in a box, engrossed in playing with the spirals.

Recently, the actress visited India with singer-husband Nick Jonas and Malti. They visited the Ram Mandir in Ayodhya. The trio was also seen attending a Holi party in Mumbai at cousin Mannara Chopra's. Later, she posted a picture with Malti and Nick in an all-white ethnic outfit. On the work front, PeeCee is currently busy with her Hollywood film, 'Heads of State', an action comedy featuring her, John Cena, and Idris Elba.

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It gets real

Sanjay Leela Bhansali's highly anticipated debut series, 'Heeramandi', is now streaming on the OTT platform. Amid widespread acclaim for the show's grand sets, costumes, and jewellery, Sanjay Leela Bhansali's highly anticipated debut series, 'Heeramandi', is now streaming on the OTT platform. Amid widespread acclaim for the show's grand sets, costumes, and jewellry, Richa Chadha recently unveiled that the entire cast wore all real jewellery and cost crores of rupees.

In an interview with Sucharita Tyagi, Richa expressed that being involved in the show was a fantastic experience. She remarked, "Beautiful clothes and beautiful jewellery, all real."

When queried about the authenticity and high value of the jewellery, Richa confirmed, "Yes, all the jewellery is genuine. If I wore all of it and ran away, I could probably produce another film of my own with the cumulative worth."

Among the standout characters,

Richa Chadha's portrayal of Lajjo has garnered significant attention and acclaim. Richa Chadha's choice to portray Lajjo stemmed from her aspiration to challenge herself and break away from stereotypes, despite receiving offers for roles with greater screen time. Known for her portrayal of empowered characters' Richa Chadha aimed to surprise audiences by playing the role of a hopeless romantic, leaving viewers with goosebumps.

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Taapsee's vacay with sisters

Actress Taapsee Pannu, who was recently seen in the Shah Rukh Khan-starrer 'Dunki', has shared pictures from her vacation in the Netherlands. On Saturday, the actress took to her Instagram and shared 3 pictures in which she can be seen soaking in the colours of her vacation with her sibling Shagun Pannu and cousin Evania Pannu. In the pictures, the actress can be seen posing next to cycles over a canal in Amsterdam. All three are dressed in woollens with Taapsee donning a black turtleneck t-shirt and a coat. The actress wrote in the caption: "My kind of Amsterdam. Canal, cycling and sibling."

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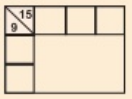

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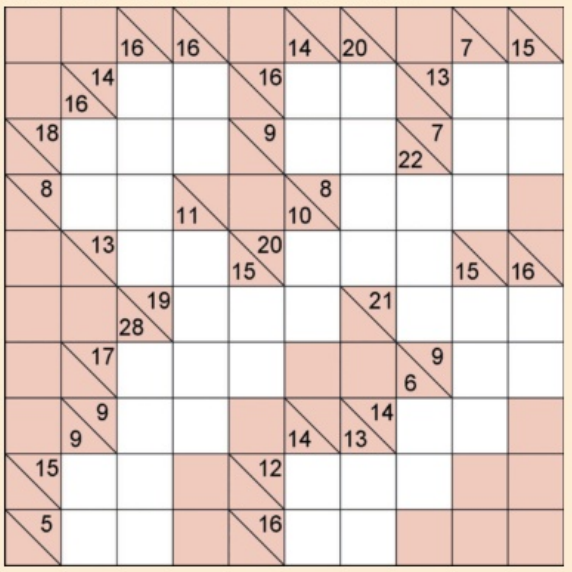

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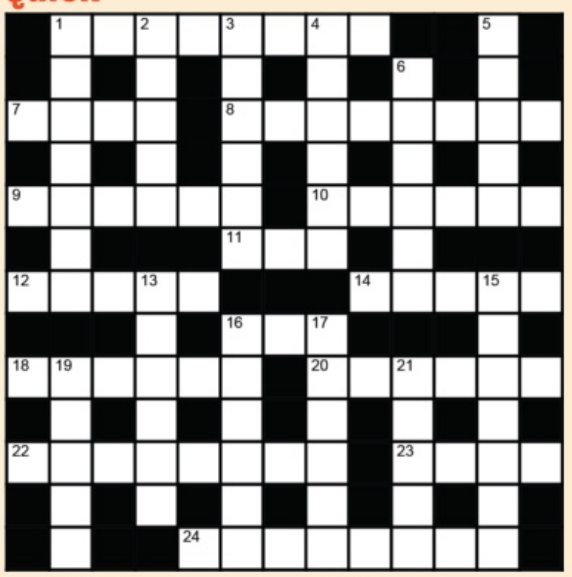


ACROSS

1 Conduct business (8)
7 Hindu wind God (4)
8 Voluntary (8)
9 Not dispatched (6)
10 An unavoidable danger or risk (6)
11 To explore secretly (3)
12 ____ on air : feel elated? (5)
14 Suspicious (5)
16 Hefty sandwich (3)
18 Man of the apes from the comics world? (6)
20 Be able to spare? (6)
22 Taken in toto, not partially (2,1,5)
23 Chess castle (4)
24 Optical accessory (8)

DOWN

1 Gym shoe (7)
2 Treat badly (5)
3 Yells, utters loudly (6)
4 Easily remembered (6)
5 Professorship (5)
6 Russian dog like a large greyhound with soft long hair (6)
13 Capital of Mizoram (6)
15 Distresses greatly? (7)
16 Snobbish (6)
17 A person of not so good a character? (3,3)
19 National park home to tigers, panthers and elephants (5)
21 Terra ___ : dry land, mother earth ? (5)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: F EQUALS U

QAD UCLB VFDKQGUC IGQA IDELQA GK, IAEQ NU BUF NU IGQA GQ?

Linemaro

If I were a transplant surgeon, I would give you my heart

Mindchow

If the wind will not serve, take to the oars

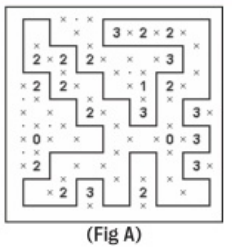
Joke of the day

Money can't buy happiness; it can, however, rent it

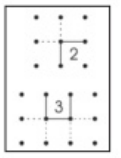
Loop

Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.



(Fig A)

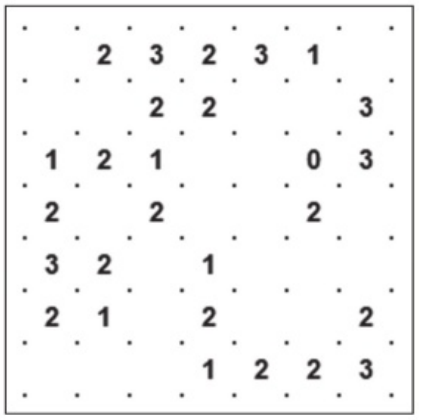


(Fig B) Not Allowed

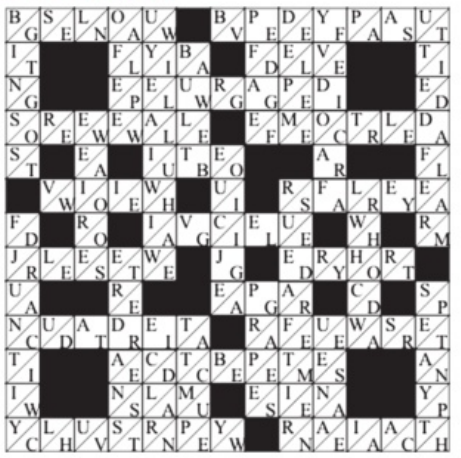
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



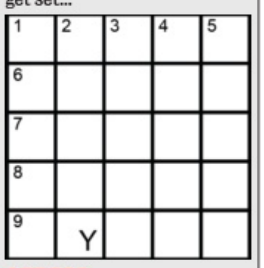
Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...



ACROSS

1 Ratch; 6 R rear;
7 So ere; 8 A term;
9 Sky at

DOWN

1 Crake; 2 RY rah;
3 Amora; 4 Ester;
5 Set RT

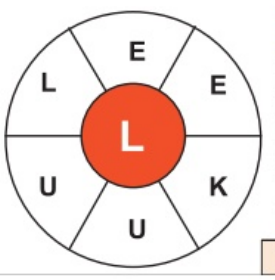
Mensapuzzle

The left set of six numbers has a relationship to the set of six numbers below. The two sets of six boxes on the left have the same relationship as the two sets of six boxes on the right. Which set of numbers should therefore replace the question marks?

A	8	2	4	5	9	8
B	9	4	4	5	8	9
C	6	8	4	8	7	9
D	8	4	2	5	9	8
E	4	1	3	8	7	7

7	3	1	5	4	5		7	8	4	1	3	7
6	5	6	2	4	8		?	?	?	?	?	?

Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

02 Average; **03** Good; **04** Outstanding

SudokuChallenge

3								5
	8		4		5		7	
		1	7		6	2		
8		4				5		2
	3		6		7		1	
9		6				7		8
		3	2		1	8		
	4		8		9		2	
6								9

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.

Easy = 18

4 6 7 9

Medium = 28

2 2 4 4

Hard = 13

5 2 6 9

HOCUS-FOCUS

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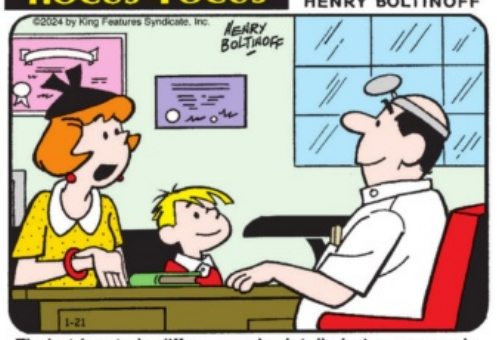


Find at least six differences in details between panels.

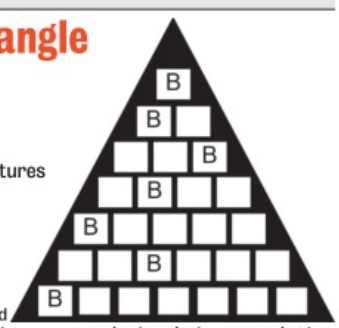
Differences: 1. Arm is moved. 2. Window is not as wide. 3. Lamp is taller. 4. Boy's hair is different. 5. Thumb is moved. 6. Doctor has more hair.

Riddler

What is the next letter in this fairy tale sequence?
G, D, S, B, H, S, ??

Alpha triangle

1 Type of vitamin
2 College degree
3 Forensic site
4 Competent
5 Jewish bread roll
6 Architectural features
7 Small hounds



Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE

COMICS

The BETTER HALF
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"This is our most effective appetite suppressant. It's four slices of pizza and a quart of ice cream compressed into capsule size."
CLICK CLICK CLICK
"Exercise won't make me thinner. I can do this all night and my thumb doesn't get any smaller!"
"My husband and I stayed together for the sake of our children, who are all divorced now."
GLASBERGEN 9-17
"I'm trying to be less critical. If you weren't so dense, you'd notice!"
"Cling peaches are very fattening. They cling to your thighs, they cling to your hips...."

EVERYTHING UNDER CONTROL?
JUST MOPPING UP.
YOU GO AFTER MING...
I'D COME WITH YOU, BUT WE NEED TO CONTACT ALANIA AND ALERT THEM TO OUR LOCATION... AND THERE'S A DRAGON MAN HERE THAT'S JUST DYING TO SHOW ME WHERE THE CONTROL ROOM IS.
FLASH GORDON By JIM KEEFE
5-29
MING LEAPS HIS PESPONDENT DAUGHTER INTO THE CATACOMBS BENEATH THE ARENA.
LET ME GO!
BARIN IS DEAD...AND IT'S ALL BECAUSE OF ME!
YOUR PATH HAS BEEN CHOSEN. IT'S TOO LATE TO TURN BACK NOW.
IT'S NEVER TOO LATE!
BARIN!
MY LOVE...
THANK YOU FOR DISTRACTING HIM, MY DAUGHTER.
WHA..?
NOOOOOOO!
TO BE CONT'D

WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
Today you may be happy. Property-related issues with siblings might be settling down. You are likely to meet an influential person who will help you improve your work. Your professional contacts may help you grow your business. You are advised to follow your intuition before making investments in fixed assets as they might turn into dead stock. Work related travel can be expected.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
Today you may be busy with family and friends. You will plan to go for outings or adventure tours with friends. Your kids' health might make you upset. You are blessed by the moon and it may help you find ways to get success. Your savings may be increased, which may improve your financial health.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
Today you may be full of vitality and inner strength. You are likely to make good plans for the growth of your family business. You may be blessed by your elders. You might be able to implement new plans efficiently with the help of your team. Your wisdom may help you take some good decisions, which may increase your social status.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
Today you may face health issues. Sleeplessness can leave you mentally tired. You may not be focused on your routine work. You may feel lazy, which may affect your commitments. It is advised to avoid rash driving and adventure tours. You are also advised to avoid spending money on worthless items.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
Today you may be busy with social get-togethers. You may also meet some old friends. Your network might be strong, which may give you benefits in the near future on the work front. Those related to export and import, glamour, and artefacts may perform well. Students are likely to perform well today. Lovebirds will share happy moments.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
Today you may have support from your family members. You may also see some expansion in your family business during these days, which will increase the social status of your family. You may also plan to have a baby. Students may apply for scholarships for higher studies.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
Today you may be more spiritual. Your destiny may be with you. You may expect good gains from past investments. Bonding with your boss is likely to be improved, which may give you benefits in terms of promotions. You may also hear some good news from your siblings. You are advised to control your harsh way of speaking in your personal life.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
Today you may be a victim of sleeplessness, which can make you lazy. You may also become careless. It may affect your inner strength negatively. You are likely to be nervous at work, which may affect a running project. You are advised to avoid making investments in dead assets. Avoid spicy food and rash driving.

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
Today you are blessed by the moon. You have some sort of internal strength, which may help you take some difficult decisions at work. Disputes with your partner are likely to be resolved. Singles may expect to find a good match with the help of relatives or friends. You may also see some investments in your business.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
Today you are blessed by the moon. Your inner strength will make you confident, which will reflect in your way of working. You are likely to get good news in legal matters. Your money, which was stuck, may be recovered today. This may increase your savings. Your kids' health may now be good. In domestic life, you should try to avoid unnecessary arguments.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
Today, with the help of blessings, you may expect to get some gains from past investments. You may plan to renovate your house or office. You may invest in some intellectual assets such as buying books or updating your skills. You may also plan for higher studies. Singles are likely to find their soulmate in the same field. Those related to research, education, and agricultural work may perform better.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
Today you may feel unhappy. You may be a victim of arrogance, which may affect your personal and professional life. You are likely to be under pressure. Some detachment from your responsibilities may be noticed. You are likely to be impatient at work. You are advised to take care of your parents. You are also advised to postpone important decisions related to work.

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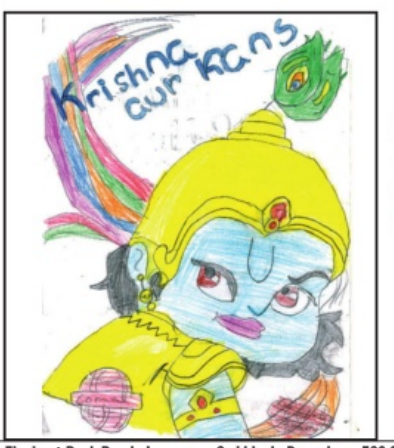
Pooja Shankar, 12 Years, Mount Litera Zee School



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SOLVE IN 1M
5^3+5^4-(9/6)^2=
5^3+5^4-(3/2)^2=
5^3+5^4-9/4
15+20-9/4
35-9/4=
35^4-9/4=
140-9/4=
131/4=
32.75

BULL'S EYE
keel, leek, lulu, ukulele

STRIKE OUT
BELOW BEDFAST
PLUG GED
ONSET
ORWELL EMOTED

QUICK
TRANSACT
VAY OPTIONAL
UNSENT HAZARD
SPY OCR
TREAD FISHY
SUB
AFFORD
ASAWHOLE ROOK
NAO DIR
TARZAN AGAIN
SUB
EYEGGLASS

MENSA PUZZLE
D: Reverse the top row of numbers and add 1 to each number.

RIDDLER
D: These are the first letters of Disney's seven dwarfs: Grumpy, Dopey, Sneezy, Bashful, Happy, Sleepy, Doc

SUDOKU

6	2	8	3	7	4	1	5	9
1	4	5	8	6	9	3	2	7
7	9	3	2	5	1	8	4	6
9	1	6	5	4	2	7	3	8
5	3	2	6	8	7	9	1	4
8	7	4	9	1	3	5	6	2
4	5	1	7	9	6	2	8	3
2	8	9	4	3	5	6	7	1
3	6	7	1	2	8	4	9	5

ALPHA TRIANGLE
8, 8a, Lab, Able, Bagel, Gables, Beagles.

GO FIGURE
Easy
7 – 4 + 9 + 6 = 18
Medium
4 x 4 – 2 x 2 = 28
Hard
5 x 2 – 6 + 9 = 13

LOOP

KAKURO

FAST FIVE

C	H	A	R	T
A	R	M	E	T
E	R	O	S	E
R	A	R	E	R
K	Y	A	T	S

QUOTE UNCODE
The only question with wealth is, what do you do with it?

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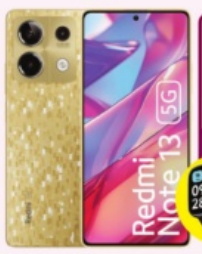

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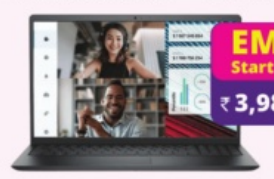

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